



# Colorado-Wyoming Numismatic Association

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Governors. We had previously voted to give the ANA a \$500.00 check for a scholarship to the Summer Seminar. The check has been written and delivered to the ANA. They called and told me that had been received and was very much appreciated.

I would like very much to see our club grow in the next year and I challenge everyone to invite a new member per quarter to join or rejoin. If everyone brought in 4 new members our membership would be about 5x bigger than it is now. Now that would be something.

There is quite a bit of Numismatic activity coming up in the next few months, lots of club meetings, shows, auctions etc. Hope to see you at them

Bill Arnold

## MINUTES OF MAR. 3, 2007 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 12:05PM by outgoing president and incoming director, Howard Hinsey at the Village Inn Restaurant in Castle Rock, Co. Incoming officers and board members present were Bill Arnold, President; Jerry Morgan, Secretary/Treasurer; Bob Thayer, Director; and Mark Hammang, Director. Absent were Jerry Svoboda, Director and Allen Nye, Vice-President. Other members in attendance were Tim Ziebarth, *Newsletter* Editor, Theo Gould, Dick Pettit, and Don Koontz. Visitors were B. Calloway and G. Koontz.

The Minutes for the Feb. 11, 2006 annual membership meeting were approved unanimously. Howard Hinsey gave a brief report as outgoing president thanking all those that supported him. He once again expressed disappointment at the lack of participation by the membership especially concerning the poor attendance at the August 19 special membership meeting held during the ANA World's Fair of Money in Denver at which Adna

### CWNA Meeting NOTICE:

**Membership and Board Meeting**

**Saturday, October 20, 2007**

**2:00 PM**

**Standley Lake Library**

**8485 Kipling St.**

**Arvada, Colorado**

**All Members are encouraged to attend!**

### President's Message

The Annual Meeting was fairly well attended and thanks to all that came. I would like to thank everyone for the vote of confidence and especially Howard Hinsey for encouraging me to seek the office. The CWNA will pursue a Coin Show probably next year. There is still some interest in having a Seminar sometime jointly with the ANA. We discussed the nominations for the ANA Board of

Wilde, Jr gave a fascinating presentation on the Leshner dollar. At that point he passed the gavel to incoming President, Bill Arnold who Bill thanked Howard for his leadership during his term as president and stated his intent to increase the membership.

Jerry Morgan, Secretary/Treasurer submitted a written annual Membership Report which showed a net increase of six (6) members over the prior year. A current membership list was provided to the board. The Treasurer's Report revealed a net decrease in asset value of \$947.60 at \$18,674.41 for the past year. Both reports were approved unanimously by the membership present. The secretary/treasurer announced that a few months ago the mailing address had been moved to Canon City with the approval of Howard Hinsey, President.

### **Old Business**

Jerry Morgan agreed to contact Tom Hallenbeck concerning the disposition of the counter stamp punch that was used to mark the CWNA 1996 Pre-Show medals at the ANA show last August. Motion approved unanimously that we offer to trade 10-20 of the CWNA silver 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary medals to Tom for the 1996 CWNA Pre-Show medals. Motion approved unanimously that once we determine what we will have available we offer them for sale to the membership. Bill Arnold appointed Jerry Morgan, Theo Gould, and Don Koontz to a Medal Sales Committee to handle the sale of the medals.

The treasurer gave the president a check for \$500.00 for the ANA Scholarship Fund for the sponsorship of an individual to attend the summer seminar. Howard Hinsey said he had not found a location for a CWNA coin show but would work on it more in the near future. Allen Nye, Director arrived at 1:20 PM. The secretary answered an inquiry concerning the storage and use of the CWNA showcases. He explained that in order to save high public storage costs they are stored by Denver Coin Shows in return for their use at its coin shows. A comment was made that if the CWNA decides to do no more coin shows they should be put up for sale.

### **New Business**

The secretary submitted a list of individuals who have solicited the CWNA's nomination as a member club of the ANA for the upcoming elections. A motion was made we only nominate non-incumbents. It failed on a 6 to 3 show of hands vote.

A motion passed with one dissenting vote that the president, vice-president and secretary/treasurer be formed as an ANA Nominating Committee and make the decision before the deadline March 31. A motion failed 6 to 3 that the committee include a board member rather than the vice-president.

There was a long discussion concerning the future direction of the CWNA. Education programs, charter bus trips, guest speakers, and club representatives were mentioned. No decisions were made. There was discussion as to whether to continue the seminar programs at future Denver Coin Expo shows due to the lack of attendance. Don Koontz said he would consider doing one for the upcoming May show and would let Jerry Morgan know in the near future.

There being no other new business the annual membership meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

## **MINUTES OF MAR. 3, 2007 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

The annual board meeting was called to order at 3:46 PM by Bill Arnold at the same location with Jerry Morgan, Bob Thayer, Howard Hinsey and Alan Nye in attendance. The Minutes of the Nov. 18, 2006 special board meeting were approved unanimously. All other reports of the secretary/treasurer had been approved at the prior annual membership meeting.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

Bill Arnold will be added as secondary signor to all bank accounts. Bill Arnold brought forth a fascinating coin collection which prompted a brief but highly spirited, free wheeling discussion about what's happening in coins. A motion was carried unanimously that we include more numismatic discussion in future meetings of the CWNA.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Jerry Morgan, Secretary Mar. 3, 2007  
Preliminary-Subject to Board Approval

## ***So-Called Dollars – A Journey into History***

**John Dean    June 2007**

As an avid collector of United States coinage, with particular interests in early seated type coinage, I became active in the local area coin clubs about 25 years ago. Having already been a United States coin collector for over 20 years, this is when my interest in So-Called Dollars first became evident. I purchased my reference book in a Denver Coin club auction, and gradually over the years grew my collection of So-Called Dollars. About ten years ago I directed most of my collecting efforts to so-called dollars and other medals for their great array of design and beauty as well as for their association with historical events, places and people since the early 1800's.

As a die-hard United States coin collector, at first, I was hesitant to collect medals, as it commonly was not considered as coin collecting. I have since found it truly is indeed an arm of "numismatics", which many have now found intriguing, educational and can also be profitable.

What are so-called dollars? This is the question many collectors and dealers ask themselves when they first see this terminology utilized or have a fellow hobbyist use the term. The term was first utilized over 100 years ago to designate medals of near-dollar size, at first of a commemorative or exposition nature, later of a monetary kind. The first written use of the label was by the late Thomas L. Elder, New York coin dealer, in his sale of September 27 & 28, 1912, in describing his lot #395, The Theodore Roosevelt medal of the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition, listed in the H&K Reference catalog as #308 (or HK-308). This medal is classified as extremely rare. They were all struck in Silver, Proof. The exact number struck is unknown, but are extremely rare in today's market place. One

recently sold in a Heritage Auction Galleries auction of February 2007, for well over \$5000.

In 1963 a reference catalog on this somewhat popular collectible was published by Harold E. Hibler and Charles V. Kappen. The book was not well received by the numismatic community, and the collecting of these medals was greeted with dull enthusiasm by the numismatic hobbyists. The reference books could be bought at under \$5.00 each and became a burden on most coin dealers shelves for many years in the late 60's and early 70's. These books today are collectible in themselves and a "nice" copy can fetch around \$100 quite easily.

With the growth within the numismatic collecting arena, many have begun to see the true artistic creation within these pieces, their true rarity, and their highly collectible and profitable desirability.

Many dealers that threw these medals into their "junk boxes" for many years, because they could not sell the medal otherwise, have now gotten into stocking these medals and developing want lists for their clientele. Many major auctions now spotlight having "So-Called Dollars" in their upcoming auctions. Almost all of the major auctions, in the last couple years have had lots available, ranging from the common to the extremely rare. So-Called Dollars have broken auction records in the last couple of years, reaching into the 5-digit prices at the fall of the auction hammer, in many cases.

It should be noted that these medals are "not" all struck by the United States Mint, but most of the United States Mint struck pieces



normally command a substantial premium, in today's marketplace.

The Hibler & Kappen reference book of 1963 named "So-Called Dollars" lists almost 1000 medals dated as early as 1826 and as late as 1961. This is the "only" reference currently available on this area of collecting. The medals classified in this book, are as known by the author's at their time of publication in 1963. Many unlisted items have since surfaced, that should be included with this writing. A new publication, with blessings of the original copyright holder, is scheduled for release later this year. Information can be found at the following web site - <http://www.so-calleddollars.com/index.html>.

This site also has an online reference available for those needing to identify/classify their so-called dollars with many pictures present for ease of reference. I would highly recommend anyone with the interest to visit this website for more detailed information than I can convey here.

So-Called dollars envelop a large and varied area of topics, including expositions, world's fairs, centennial events, and many other events. The collecting of So-Called dollars somewhat parallel's the collecting of early United States Commemoratives, and thus one of the reasons I found this an area of great interests.

There are almost 100 medals listed in the H&K reference on So-Called Dollars regarding the World's Columbian Exposition. Many, familiar with the United States half dollar commemorative coin series, knows that one of the earliest of the United States Commemorative coins is the World's Columbian Exposition half dollars of 1892 and 1893, associated with the same event as stated above. There are many other medals associated with this exposition of various sizes and alloys, not included in the H&K reference. This is another whole collecting realm within

itself. There are many collectors of "just" World's Columbian Exposition memorabilia of all types. The United States Mint also had an exhibit on the grounds of this exposition in which they struck medals for this event as well. These medals are listed in the H&K reference as HK-154 & HK-155. (Shown Below)



**HK-154 Struck by the US Mint in 1893**

Many of the United States Mint struck pieces were struck in a Mint Exhibit at the exhibition or particular event.

One of the very popular pieces struck for the U.S Centennial Exposition of 1876 was the "Nevada Dollar". This piece was struck from Nevada silver at the US Mint in Philadelphia. The dies were engraved by William Barber, engraver of the dies for the Barber series of coinage and many other mint products of his era. There were 2526 pieces struck by the US Mint for this medal, shown below. This is a true mint rarity, and much rarer than most US Commemoratives as well as US coins. Top quality pieces of these can be obtained in today's market for around \$1000. How does this compare to low mintage commemoratives?



**HK-019 – Nevada Dollar – 1876  
2526 pieces struck by the US Mint**

Many Expositions, Fairs and Centennial events were recorded with these medals. Listed below are some of the more commonly known events:

United States Centennial of 1876 – held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

World's Columbian Exposition of 1892 & 1893 held in Chicago, Illinois

California Midwinter Exposition of 1894 - held in San Francisco, California

Cotton States & International Exposition of 1895 held in Atlanta, Georgia

Tennessee Centennial of 1896 & 1897 held in Nashville, Tennessee

Trans-Mississippi Exposition of 1898 held in Omaha, Nebraska

Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904 held in St. Louis, Missouri

Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition of 1905 held in Portland, Oregon

Pike's Peak "Southwest Expedition" Centennial of 1906 held in Colorado Springs, Colorado

Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition of 1907 held in Norfolk County, Virginia

Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition of 1909 held in Seattle, Washington

Hudson-Fulton Celebration of 1909 held in New York City, New York

Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915 held in San Francisco, California.

U.S. Sesquicentennial Exposition of 1926 held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Century of Progress Exposition of 1933 & 1934 held in Chicago, Illinois

Golden Gate International Exposition of 1939 & 1940 held in San Francisco, California

Colorado "Rush to the Rockies" Centennial of 1959 held in Colorado (19 cities participated)

Typically several to many medals were struck for each of the aforementioned events, which fall into the so-called dollar category. Many other events, not listed above are also included in the original H&K reference book.

Many of the medals listed in the original H&K reference are considered "not" collectible today. They were struck in very limited quantities and have not survived the years. Many of the medals listed I have never seen offered for sale. Many of the listed medals, have fewer than 50 originally struck with some numbers being 10 to 25 originally struck. One example, of a US Mint medal, of which only 50 were originally struck, in gold , recently sold in excess of \$5000. (Similar to one shown below) How many of these survive today after the melts of the 80's?



**HK-511 – 1954 – Gold**  
**Only 50 struck by the US Mint in Philadelphia**

The front range of the Rockies including Colorado and Wyoming has many medals that are classified as so-called dollars in the original H&K reference. This would adapt itself to a localized collection of so-called dollars to the



interested collector. There are between 40 & 50 pieces classified by Hibler & Kappen for the states of Colorado & Wyoming. These include the famed “Leshner” dollars, the “Century of Progress” pieces, “Rush to the Rockies” and more. Some pictures are shown below of Colorado & Wyoming related pieces.



**HK-335 – 1906 – Proof Silver  
Pike’s Peak “Southwest Expedition”  
Centennial**



**HK-545 – 1959 – Nickel  
Colorado’s “Rush to the Rockies”  
Additional Medal by Roy Bisterfeldt of  
Denver**

Note: The above medal was reported as struck in gold (Quantity of 101). None of these are known to exist today, to my knowledge. This author would be interested in obtaining one of these if known to be available. Any comments or information is welcome.

Contact John Dean  
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**HK-668a – 1917 – Aluminum  
Cheyenne Semicentennial**



**HK-788 – 1900 – Silver  
Leshner Referendum Dollar  
Bumstead Type – First Reverse**



It would quite easy to presume that completing a collection of these medals, as listed in the original H&K reference would be impossible in today’s market. There is no known complete collection of these medals in existence, to my knowledge.

Trying to locate and acquire as many of the classified pieces and also the unclassified pieces as possible creates a real challenge to a so-called dollar collector. The fun can be in the pursuit. Happy Hunting!!

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References – “So-Called Dollars” Hibler and Kappen – Coin & Currency Institute, Inc.

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### ♣ Club Corner.....

If you are not a member of a local coin club, NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN! Please keep handy the Club Listing page on the back of this newsletter!

Note that the **Front Range Coin Club** has moved to a new location, and is now located at:  
**VFW Lodge, Ground Floor Rear**  
**206 S. Main, Longmont, CO**

### CWNA Club Coin Shows

**Cheyenne Coin Club Fall Show**  
**September 21, 22, 23, 2007**  
**Holiday Inn, 204 Cheyenne, WY**

**Front Range Coin Club Fall Show**  
**October 13, 2007**

**Elk's Lodge, 3rd & Coffman, Longmont, CO**

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# Numismatic Clubs

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### Arkansas Valley Coin Club

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month; La Junta, CO

Meeting starts at 8:00 PM.

Girch Center, 1500 San Juan Ave, La Junta, CO

**Contacts:** T. Billy McCurdy (719) 267-3711

Bob Vickey (719) 384-0106

### Casino Collectibles Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec

Doors open 10:30 AM; Denver, CO

Townhouse rec facility W side Alameda Dr. (1 blk west of Alameda Parkway) between Xenon Ct. & Center Ave., Parking at Peak National.

**Contacts:** Ken Hallenbeck (719) 634-3313

Bill Richardson: billrichardson528@hotmail.com

### Colorado Springs Coin Club

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month

Door open 7:00 PM meeting begins 7:30 PM

Pikes Peak National Bank

2401 W. Colorado Blvd.

**Contacts:** Ken Hallenbeck (719) 634-3313

### Colorado Springs Numismatic Society

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month

Meeting starts at 2:00 PM

Trinity United Methodist Church

19<sup>th</sup> & Henderson

**Contacts:** Ken Hallenbeck (719) 634-3313

### Cheyenne Coin Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month

Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Main Fire Station, 716 W. 19<sup>th</sup> St., Cheyenne, WY

**Contacts:** Bill Arnold (307) 638-4565

Chris Way (307) 632-9325

### Denver Area World Numismatists (DAWN)

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month; Denver, CO

Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

The Calvary Temple, 9052 W. Ken Caryl, Littleton SE corner of Ken Caryl & Garrison

**Contacts:** Chuck Mitton (303) 755-8825

Bill Rosenblum (303) 838-4831

### Denver Coin Club

Last Thursday of each month, except Nov & Dec

Doors open 6:30 PM, meeting starts 7:00 PM

Cherry Point Masonic Lodge, 1481 S. Gaylord

**Contacts:** Theo Gould (303) 364-1572

Howard Hinsey (303) 841-3905

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Canon City, CO 81215

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### Fort Collins Coin Club

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month except July

Doors open at 6:00 PM for swap/buy/sell

Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Allnutt Funeral Home, Family Center, 650 W. Drake

**Contacts:** Dave Jaeger

Dave Peters (970) 490-2021

### Front Range Coin Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month; Longmont, CO

Doors open 6:30 PM, meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Longmont VFW, 206 S. Main, park/enter in rear

**Contacts:** Gene Murren (303) 651-0829

### Greeley Coin Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month except July & Aug

Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Aims Community College (Artie's Cafeteria)

47<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 20<sup>th</sup> St.

**Contacts:** Ron Whittow (970) 330-6598

### Northside Coin Club

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month; Broomfield, CO

Meeting begins at 7:00 PM; doors open 6:30 PM

12205 Perry St., Cimarron Village Clubhouse

North on Perry from 120<sup>th</sup> to dead end then west

**Contacts:** Tim Ziebarth (303) 432-1682

Mark Hammang (303) 278-9266

### Pueblo Coin Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

Meeting begins at 7:30 PM

Canon National Bank, basement

Corner of 5<sup>th</sup> & Santa Fe

**Contacts:** Jared Burbank (719) 564-8099

### South Suburban Coin Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month; Denver, CO

Meeting begins at 6:45 PM

Englewood Library, Englewood City Hall

1000 Englewood Parkway, 1 Block N of Hampton on S. Inca

**Contacts:** Gene Chelius (303) 985-5068

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